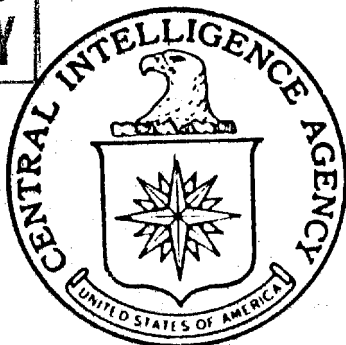


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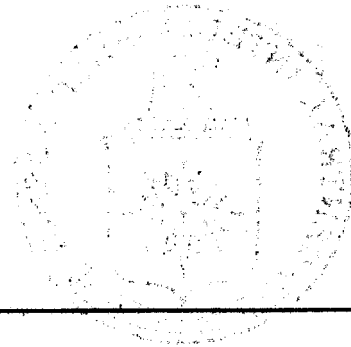
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POLITICAL

MAO PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED BY LAO COMMUNISTS -- Vientiane, Lao Presse (French edition), 14 May 60

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Communist operations in northeastern Laos between 16 July and 11 October 1959 indicate that the Pathet Lao units are using the following methods recommended by Mao Tse-tung in his "Strategic Problems of China's Revolutionary War" (Selected Works, 1954, Vol 1): use of larger combat groups than those being attacked (the UN subcommittee which investigated these operations in 1959 reported that this was true in every case); enlisting the people's support (the area chosen for the operations had been under intense Pathet Lao indoctrination until 1957 and has been ruled by Pathet Lao subversion and intimidation ever since); capture of arms (this was an objective in all engagements); and use of propaganda (calling the operations a revolutionary or "just" war).

[Comment: The above article was signed "B. S."; it is the first direct statement noted in the Lao press specifically comparing the Lao Communist tactics with those of China.]

MASS TRIAL OF CHINESE COUNTERREVOLUTIONIST -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 10 Jun 60, p 3

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At a recent mass trial (hsuan p'an) attended by more than 20,000 people held in Yu-men City, Kansu Province, the murderer of martyr Fang Chih-min, chairman of the political committee of the Tenth Red Corps, was tried, pronounced guilty, sentenced to death; and executed immediately. Li T'ien-ho, whose original name was Hsiao Hsing-han, was the counter-revolutionist responsible for the arrest and murder of Fang Chih-min in 1935. Using an alias, Li had escaped exposure for more than 10 years in Hsin-min-pao, Yu-men City.

[Comment: Considerable time has elapsed since the last mention of a mass trial in the Chinese Communist press.]

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CHINESE "RICH PEASANTS" CONSPIRACY FOILED BY CULTURAL WEAPON -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 10 Jun 60, p 9

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"In 1959, the rich peasant elements of the Wu-yo large corps (ta tui) conspired to dissolve the mess hall and to wreck the people's commune," said T'ang Chien-chun, delegate of the Ssu-chi People's Commune in Ch'ao Hsien, Anhwei Province, at the Cultural and Educational Activists Conference, "but the recreation department immediately arranged and presented a play called 'The Good Mess Hall' which was an impressive education to the masses. It was so good that Lao Liang-fa, a member of the Hsi-lao-chun Commune, composed a poem on the spot to denounce the conspiracy of Wang Ch'ing-hua, a rich peasant element."

[Comment: This charge of "conspiracy" is one of the latest to be noted in the Chinese Communist press.]

BULGARIAN WRITER COMMEMORATES LENIN'S TREATISE ON LEFTIST RADICALISM -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 28 May 60

Lenin's strategy and tactics "regarding the paths of development of the socialist revolution" are as unalterably valid today as a guide for the international Communist movement as at the time of their expostulation in April-May 1920.

Lenin's views on the dangers of "rightist opportunism," "leftist radicalism," and "infantile naivete," underline the need for such party-inspired unification of the workers classes in capitalist countries as the WFTU (World Federation of Trade Unions) and the Italian and French confederations of labor. The success of the socialist revolution in Bulgaria is due to constant adherence to Leninist doctrine, and the building of socialism in Bulgaria is due to adherence to Soviet experience. The April 1956 decision of the party plenum attacking "manifestations of dogmatism and sectarianism" is an "eloquent" example of the Bulgarian Communist Party's application of Lenin's principles.

[Comment: This 40th anniversary commemorative article by St. Petrov is ostensibly a review of Lenin's book Left-Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder. Unlike Pravda's 12 June 1960 review of Lenin's book, which pointedly attacks "revisionism" and "leftist sectarians," Petrov is laudatory of successes of Leninism in his country rather than critical, either by implication or innuendo, of individuals, groups, or countries and is devoid of specific mention or reference to Khrushchev, Soviet foreign policy, Communist China, Yugoslavia, or the U-2 incident.]

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ECONOMIC

NATURAL DISASTERS IN CHINA -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 14 Jun 60, p 3

Typhoon-devastated areas in Fukien are restoring production. The people are draining water, straightening and cleaning rice shoots, repairing dikes, dams, and water conservation works, and resettling the flood victims.

The section of dike ripped by the typhoon in the suburbs of Amoy has been basically repaired, and the more than 100,000 inundated mou in Lien-chiang and An-chi are being drained and refertilized.

Dikes guarding the flatland of Chao-chou and Swatow are holding up against the violent pounding of the Han River waves brought on by a typhoon. The river has not yet crested and the threat of flood still remains. Party cadres are helping the masses and the air force and civil aeronautic units strengthen the embankments.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

SOVIET ENGINEER CRITICIZES LIMITED PUBLICATION OF PRODUCTS CATALOGUES -- Moscow, Mekhanizatsiya i Avtomatizatsiya Proizvodstva, p 40

Information on instruments under production is exceptionally important. The few catalogues available and the frequent lack of such catalogues at enterprises cause extreme difficulties in making up orders, in replacing instrument types, etc. The State Committee for Automation and Machine Building of the Council of Ministers USSR and the State Scientific and Technical Committee of the Council of Ministers USSR should publish catalogues of instrument-making plants on a large-circulation basis. A yearly, composite alphabetically indexed reference book of catalogues of instruments and regulators is also needed. Such a reference book would be of great use to the multitudinous army of Soviet instrument users.

[Comment: Publication of technical information such as products catalogues, which has been restricted to small quantities by the Soviet government, is having an adverse internal effect since it limits the exchange of scientific and technical information. Mild and often cryptic objections to restrictions to the free flow of information have been raised recently in various Soviet publications; however, the above article by Engr S. S. Granat appraises the situation and prescribes as a remedy the publication of instruments catalogues for wide circulation.]

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